



## **FY2009 Proposed Millage Rates Adoption**

July 10, 2008

## Adding Everglades land acquisition as Strategic Priority



**Prioritizing Everglades land acquisition project and combining with existing Everglades priorities:**

- **Restore the Everglades by:**
  - **Acquiring land and planning projects to expand water storage and treatment options south of Lake Okeechobee to revive the River of Grass**
  - **Advancing construction schedules of existing key projects**
  - **Implementing the Long-Term Plan to achieve water quality standards**

## Project Considerations

Projects anticipated to go forward in FY09:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funded from</u>
■ C-111 Spreader Canal	Cash on hand
■ STA Compartment B & C Buildouts	Remaining EAA COPs balance
■ Herbert Hoover Dike land acquisition	State Florida Forever Funding (subj to ACOE)



## Project Considerations

**Projects anticipated to go forward *with changed schedules/scopes*:**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>
■ The Caloosahatchee Water Quality Project can be constructed in FY12	State Northern Everglades funds
■ C-44 Reservoir from FY08 to FY10 Scaled down to a 4,000 AC reservoir and 4,000 AC water quality treatment	State Northern Everglades funds
■ Lake O Lakeside Ranch STA FY08 to FY09 or FY10	State Northern Everglades funds



## Project Considerations

**Projects whose scale & scope need to be determined:**

- **EAA Reservoir (as currently configured)**
- **EAA Bolles Canal**
- **EAA Regional Conveyance and Treatment**
- **A significant number of the planned ASR Water Quantity projects**



## Project Considerations

**Projects proposed for Army Corp of Engineers for construction:**

- **C-43 Reservoir**
- **Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands**
- **Picayune Strand Road Removal**




## Project Considerations

**Other previously “accelerated” projects being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

- **Picayune Strand pump stations**
- **WCA 3A/3B Seepage Management**
- **Site 1 Impoundment**
- **C-9 Impoundment**
- **C-11 Impoundment**



## Updated Budget Numbers



June 30 draft budget	\$1,290M
Shift of EAA \$ to Comp B+C	- \$ 48M
Add Acquisition \$	<u>+\$1,700M</u>
Revised Budget	\$2,942M

- Revised amount to be included in our August 1 budget submission to Governor, Legislature, and DEP

## Updated Debt Service Estimates

### Fully Loaded Debt Payment in FY09:


- COP 1 debt service \$ 35.3M
- Acquisition debt service \$106.9M
  - Total est. debt service \$142.2M
- FY09 est. debt ratio 26.6% of pledgeable revenues

### FY09 “Interest Only”:

- COP 1 debt service \$ 35.3M
- Acquisition debt service \$ 80.7M
  - Total est. debt service \$116.0M
- FY09 est. debt ratio 21.7% of pledgeable revenues



## Recurring Revenues to fund debt service



<b>CERP</b>	<b>\$ 31.2M</b>
<b>Everglades</b>	<b>\$ 23.2M</b>
<b>Matches above state levels</b>	<b>\$ 22.6M</b>
■ <b>Northern Everglades 5/5/5</b>	
■ <b>Lake Okeechobee SOE Match</b>	
■ <b>Alternative Water Supply</b>	
<b>Compartment B + C Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 7.0M</b>
<b>Est. Ad Valorem Addition</b>	<b><u>\$ 3.0M</u></b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 87.0M</b>
<b>Balance from existing budgets</b>	<b>\$ 19.9M</b>

## Key Budget Highlights



<b>Governing Board Priorities</b>	<b>FY2009 (in Millions)</b>
<b>Everglades Land Acquisition</b>	<b>\$1,750.0</b>
<b>CERP</b>	<b>\$246.6</b>
<b>Everglades Forever Act Implementation</b>	<b>\$432.1</b>
<b>C&amp;SF Flood Control Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$45.3</b>
<b>Alternative Water Supply</b>	<b>\$15.9</b>
<b>Lake O &amp; Northern Everglades</b>	<b>\$116.6</b>
<b>Hurricane Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$10.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,616.9</b>

**Note: Represents 89% of current draft budget**

## Key Budget Highlights


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- Everglades land acquisition \$1,750.0M
  - Compartment B+C \$ 277.0M
  - Lakeside Ranch STA \$ 57.0M
  - C-111 Spreader Canal \$ 70.0M
  - Acme Basin B \$ 9.7M
  - STA 5 Rehabilitation \$ 1.8M
  - O&M Capital \$ 45.3M
  - Bio-wetland Chem Treatment \$ 3.0M
  - LO Alternative Storage \$ 3.9M
  - Glades canal dredging \$ 1.0M

## Key Budget Highlights

- **Local stormwater construction \$3.8M – Bonaventure, West Park, Coral Gables, Doral, Keys**
- **Lake Kissimmee Boat Ramp \$0.8M**
- **Hurricane Reserve \$10.4M**
- **Personnel Budget:**
  - **\$176.3M or 6% of revised budget total**
  - **3.7% projected increase over FY08**
  - **Includes 2.0% merit budget**
- **Baseline reductions \$ 2.2M**
  - **Travel/Training 30% reduction**
  - **Rent/Lease Equipment 38% reduction**
  - **Field Equipment 26% reduction**
  - **Conferences/Memberships/Other**



## Millage Rate Comparison



	<b>Current FY08 Rates</b>	<b>Proposed FY09 Rates</b>
<b>District-at-Large</b>	<b>0.2549</b>	<b>0.2549</b>
<b>Okeechobee Basin</b>	<b>0.2797</b>	<b>0.2797</b>
<b>Everglades Constr. Project</b>	<b>0.0894</b>	<b>0.0894</b>
<b>Big Cypress Basin</b>	<b>0.2265</b>	<b>0.2265</b>

- Staff recommendation represents continuation millage rates

## Combined Millage Rates

### Okeechobee Basin

### Millage Rates

District-at-Large	0.2549
Okeechobee Basin	0.2797
Everglades Construction Project	<u>0.0894</u>
Total Combined Millage Rate	0.6240*

### Big Cypress Basin

District-at-Large	0.2549
Big Cypress Basin	<u>0.2265</u>
Total Combined Millage Rate	0.4814*

*\* Represents about 62 cents and 48 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value*




## Tax Roll Update

- Have not received all information necessary to calculate rolled back rates and % change OR maximum millage rates
- 3 counties received 10-day extensions from Department of Revenue:
  - Martin County
  - Okeechobee County
  - Glades County



## Future Steps

- 
- **July 31**      **Complete 8/1 State Budget Report**
  - **August**      **Brief Governor's staff, legislative and DEP staff on proposed budget**
  - **Sept. 5**      **Comments due from Legislature and DEP**
  - **Sept. 10**      **Project follow-up discussion**
  - **Sept. 10**      **Tentative millage and budget adoption public hearing and adoption of agricultural privilege tax roll**
  - **Sept. 16**      **Governor's budget comments due**
  - **Sept. 23**      **Final millage and budget adoption public hearing**

## Staff Recommendation

***Adopt, for purposes of notifying county property appraisers and for publication on “Notice of Proposed Property Taxes” (TRIM notice), the following rates:***

<b>District-at-Large</b>	<b>0.2549 mills</b>
<b>Okeechobee Basin</b>	<b>0.2797 mills</b>
<b>Everglades Const. Proj.</b>	<b>0.0894 mills</b>
<b>Big Cypress Basin</b>	<b>0.2265 mills</b>

